

ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

For the year 1968.

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Urban District Council Offices,
Kilwardby Street,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

August, 1969.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit for your attention and consideration the report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1968. It has been prepared as far as possible on the lines indicated in Circular 1/69, dated 1st January, 1969, from the Ministry of Health and deals with the sanitary circumstances, sanitary administration and vital statistics of the area.

As you are aware, the late Dr. Segerdal, who had acted as your Medical Officer of Health for many years, died in April, 1968, a few days after the end of his appointment, which terminated on the 31st March, 1968. I was appointed to succeed him as from the 14th May, 1968, and I have to thank members of the Council and of the staff alike for receiving me with so much kindness and consideration. In particular, I would like to thank Mr. Wynne, your Public Health Inspector, and the other members of the staff of the Public Health Department for their co-operation and assistance.

Your Obedient Servant,

ANDREW HAMILTON

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	<u>Urban</u> <u>District</u> <u>1968</u>	<u>Urban</u> <u>District</u> <u>1967</u>	<u>Provisional</u> <u>figures</u> <u>England and</u> <u>Wales</u> <u>1968</u>
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year.</u>			

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Legitimate	1	0	1		
Illegitimate	0	0	0		
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	1	1

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Legitimate	1	0	1		
Illegitimate	0	0	0		
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	1	1

Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>		
Legitimate	1	0	1		
Illegitimate	0	0	0		
	<u>1</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>1</u>	1	1

Infant Mortality Rates.

Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births.	8.6	10	18
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births.	8.8	10.2	
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births.	0	0	

Neo-natal Mortality Rate.

Deaths under four weeks per 1,000 total live births	8.6	10	12.3
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Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate.

Deaths under one week per 1,000 total live births.	8.6	10	10.5
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	<u>Urban</u> <u>District</u> <u>1968</u>	<u>Urban</u> <u>District</u> <u>1967</u>	<u>Provisional</u> <u>figures</u> <u>England and</u> <u>Wales</u> <u>1968</u>
<u>Peri-natal Mortality Rate.</u>			
Deaths under one week and still births combined per 1,000 total live and still births.	25	10	25
<u>Maternal Mortality (including abortion).</u>			
Number of deaths	0	0	
Rate per 1,000 total live and still births.	0	.0	.24
<u>Deaths.</u>		66	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
	51	48	99
Crude death rate per 1,000 population.	12.5	8.5	
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 population.	13.2	8.7	11.9
Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate.	1.11	.78	

Births.

During the year, 419 births, 205 boys and 214 girls, were registered as having occurred in the district, most of them in Ashby and District General Hospital, the parents residing outside the area. The number properly applicable to Ashby Urban District was 116, 55 boys and 61 girls. The birth rate (14.6) was slightly higher than last year's (13.3) but lower than the rate for England and Wales (16.9). The percentage of illegitimate live births was lower at 2.6 than last year (4.9) and much lower than that for the country as a whole. Last year there were no still births but in 1968 2 occurred, giving a stillbirth rate of 17, compared with 14 for England and Wales.

Deaths.

After allowing for deaths transferred in and transferred out - referring to persons normally resident within or without the district - 99 deaths, 51 males and 48 females, took place, giving a death rate of 13.2, much higher than last year's (8.7) and somewhat higher than the rate for England and Wales, (11.9).

More than half of the deaths of Ashby residents which occurred outside the area actually took place in hospital in Burton-on-Trent and a smaller number in Leicester hospitals.

Infantile Mortality.

One death of an infant under 1 year occurred; in fact, the baby concerned was under one week old, and had been born by Caesarean section. The infantile mortality rate was 8.6, compared with 10 in 1967 and 18 for England and Wales in 1968 - a very satisfactory figure. The peri-natal mortality rate, which refers to deaths under one week, plus still births, at 25 was much higher than the rate for 1967 (10) but the same as that for the whole country.

B31	Influenza	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B32	Pneumonia	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B34	Peptic Ulcer	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B46(7)	Other Diseases of Digestive System	M	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B38	Nephritis & Nephrosis	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B44	Other causes of Perinatal Mortality	M	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
B45	Symptoms & Ill-Defined Conditions	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
		F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE47	Motor Vehicle Accidents	M	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
BE48	All Other Accidents	M	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		F	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES		M	51	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	23
		F	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	30

CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE DURING 1968.

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General Provision of Health Services.

One hospital, the Ashby and District General Hospital, is situated in the district and is under the administration of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board. There are 15 general beds and 13 maternity beds. Out-patient clinics for general surgery, gynaecology and psychiatry are held, staffed by consultants from Burton-on-Trent, Derby and Leicester, but the general trend for consultant opinion is towards Burton-on-Trent (Birmingham Regional Hospital Board). There is a casualty out-patient department as well, staffed by local practitioners in which minor injuries can be dealt with, whilst those of a more serious nature are sent for attention to larger hospitals, in particular, Burton-on-Trent General Hospital.

General medical, dental and ophthalmic services are provided through the Leicestershire and Rutland Executive Council, 130, Regent Road, Leicester. There is a group practice in the area, the members of which are seen by appointment, and to which is attached County Council nursing and health visiting staff.

Most of the other medical and allied services are provided by the County Council, e.g. home nursing, domiciliary midwifery, domestic help and ambulance services, the two last mentioned being administered from area headquarters situated in Coalville. Washing and/or laundry facilities are available where necessary through the Domestic Help Service. There is a County Home - Loudoun House - in Ashby with mixed accommodation for 47 patients but there is no provision for Chronic Sick patients in the immediate vicinity.

A Child Welfare Clinic is held weekly at the Baptist Schoolroom in Brook Street and welfare foods are obtainable there. Maternity outfits can be obtained on doctor's or midwife's certificate from the offices of the Ashby Rural District Council, South Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, whilst stocks of incontinence pads are held at the offices of the W.R.V.S., Market Street, Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Meals on Wheels.

This service continues to serve a useful purpose. 24 meals, cooked in a local factory canteen kitchen are provided twice a week (Tuesdays and Thursdays) at a small cost to the recipients and are distributed by a rota of helpers organised by the W.R.V.S. There is always a comparative shortage of helpers in this work and further recruits are always welcome. Applications for meals on wheels are "vetted" by your M.o.H. and between my appointment and the end of the year 5 visits, involving 6 persons, were made. Not all persons whose names are submitted for consideration are prepared to participate in the scheme and, in any case, the criteria are kept under constant review.



National Assistance Acts, 1948 and 1951.

No formal action has been necessary under the above, but some supervision has been maintained in a quiet way on some border-line cases.

Examination of Employees.

Two applicants for employment with your Council were examined with respect to their fitness to join the superannuation scheme.

Prevalence of, and Control over, Infectious Disease.

Only 14 cases of infectious disease were notified with an age and sex distribution as below.

It will be noted that no cases of tuberculosis were notified, nor were there any deaths from this disease.

Age	Scarlet Fever		Measles	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 Yr.	-	-	-	-
1 - 2 Yrs.	-	-	2	-
2 - 3 "	-	-	1	-
3 - 4 "	-	-	1	-
4 - 5 "	-	-	-	-
5 - 9 "	1	-	-	1
10 - 14 "	-	-	-	-
15 - 24 "	-	-	-	-
25 & Over	-	-	-	1
Unknown	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	-	4	2
	1		6	

Infective Jaundice		
Age	M.	F.
Under 1 Yr.	-	-
1 - 2 Yrs.	-	-
2 - 4 "	-	-
5 - 9 "	1	1
10 - 14 "	-	1
15 - 19 "	-	-
20 - 24 "	-	-
25 - 34 "	-	-
35 - 44 "	1	-
45 - 54 "	1	-
55 - 64 "	-	-
65 - 74 "	-	-
75 & Over	-	-
Unknown	-	-
TOTAL	3	2
	5	

Whooping Cough		
Age	M.	F.
Under 3 months	-	-
3 - months	-	-
6 - months	-	-
9 - months	-	-
1 - year	-	-
2 - 4 years	1	-
5 - 9 "	-	1
10 - 14 "	-	-
15 - 19 "	-	-
20 - 24 "	-	-
25 - 34 "	-	-
35 - 44 "	-	-
45 - 54 "	-	-
55 - 64 "	-	-
65 - 74 "	-	-
75 & Over	-	-
TOTAL	1	1
	2	

Tuberculosis.

As stated elsewhere, no cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year and no deaths from the disease occurred.

The Leicester Area Mass Radiography Unit visited Ashby in the Spring, but no cases of tuberculosis requiring close or occasional supervision were found. The table below shows the numbers attending with the abnormalities discovered.

	<u>Initial X-Ray</u>			<u>Pneumoconiosis</u>		<u>Non-malignant Neoplasm</u>	
	M.	F.	<u>Total</u>	M.	F.	M.	F.
Public Sessions	335	542	877	-	-	-	1
Doctor's Patients	1	1	2	-	-	-	-
Organised Groups	351	705	1056	2	-	-	-
	<u>687</u>	<u>1248</u>	<u>1935</u>	<u>2</u>			<u>1</u>

In addition, no cases of bronchiectasis, heart disease, malignant neoplasm or sarcoid were found.

Infective Hepatitis.

The Infective Jaundice Regulations 1968 came into force on the 15th June, 1968, thus making this disease notifiable in the district for the first time. In this connection, where it is found on enquiry that a patient so suffering is a blood donor the Blood Transfusion Service in Sheffield is to be notified and the donor will then be "resigned" from the panel of donors. If a house contact of a person suffering from infective jaundice is a blood donor again the Blood Transfusion Service is to be notified and such a person will not be allowed to give blood for about six months thereafter and then only after thorough investigation into his subsequent health.

The Public Health (Infectious Diseases) Regulations 1968 came into effect on 1st October, 1968. Acute influenzal pneumonia, acute primary pneumonia, acute rheumatism, puerperal fever, erysipelas and membranous croup became no longer notifiable but tetanus, leptospirosis, and yellow fever became notifiable for the first time. In addition, the powers of a Local Authority to require a person to stop work in order to prevent spread of infection were extended to permit of action in cases of food poisoning.

International Certificates of Vaccination.

Different countries have different regulations as to immunisation procedures to be undertaken by intending visitors so that it is important for those intending to travel to foreign countries to ascertain from their travel agents what immunisations are required, and to give their own doctor, who is likely to carry out the programme, sufficient notice so that time is available for him to make the necessary arrangements. After the necessary immunisations have been carried out an international certificate of vaccination is completed by the doctor concerned, and his signature is then to be authenticated by the Medical Officer of Health of the district in which he practises by an approved stamp. Failure to have the certificate properly completed or to have the signature verified may lead to difficulties both at points of departure from and returning to Britain.

About a hundred such certificates have been dealt with in the Public Health Department during the year under review.

Special arrangements for vaccination against yellow fever are necessary as this procedure can only be carried out at certain centres.

Other routine work involved the follow-up of contacts of cases of dysentery and typhoid fever occurring in other areas, and of people arriving in this country from abroad without a valid international certificate of vaccination against smallpox.

Terrapins in a Local School.

An article in "The Public Health Inspector" in August, 1968, drew the attention of your Public Health Inspector to the fact that terrapins appeared to carry different strains of salmonellae, that the presence of salmonellae in terrapins was widespread and that about 50% of those sampled were so affected; the public were not aware of the dangers which could arise from handling them and that, as many were found in schools and in private homes, there was a risk of people handling them, especially children, becoming infected.

Mr. Wynne had knowledge of at least one school where terrapins were present and, although no proof existed that these particular terrapins were infected with salmonellae, when the dangers were pointed out to the head teacher, the latter readily accepted his advice to dispose of them and, in fact, promised to inform colleagues in other schools of the incipient dangers.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR & HOUSING MANAGER

Council Offices,
Kilwardby Street,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

August, 1969.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to present my tenth Annual Report, a record of the work carried out by the Public Health and Housing Department during 1968.

As a decade has passed since I took up my appointment under your Council the time is opportune to include in my report relevant data which, although not strictly appertaining to the year 1968, will nevertheless be of interest to the Council.

I acknowledge with gratitude the consideration I have received from the Chairman and Members of the Council and the help given to me by Doctor Hamilton and the other officials of the Council. In conclusion, I must pay tribute to the staff, both outdoor and indoor, for their efforts during the year.

Your Obedient Servant,

F.H. WYNNE

Public Health Inspector
and Housing Manager.

Water Supply.

Water is distributed in the area by the North West Leicestershire Water Board.

There has been no shortage of water during the year.

The water is not liable to plumbo-solvent action and the fluoride content is approximately 0.2 parts per million.

Particulars of water supply to dwelling houses in the district are as follows:-

Internal mains water supply -

No. of dwelling houses (estimated)	..	..	..	2784
Population (estimated)	..	..	..	7901

Mains water from external standpipes -

No. of dwelling houses (estimated)	..	..	..	2
Population (estimated)	..	..	..	4

Well Water Supply -

No. of dwelling houses (estimated)	..	..	..	11
Population (estimated)	..	..	..	25

Seven samples of mains water were taken for bacteriological examination. All samples were found to be satisfactory.

Sixteen samples of well water were taken for bacteriological examination. Six samples were found to be satisfactory.

All families using well water of doubtful quality were warned to boil the water before using it for domestic purposes.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

No. of cesspools constructed during the year	1
" " " abolished " " "	-

Work commenced on the reconstruction and enlargement of the Packington Sewage Disposal Works in October. The work, which will cost £376,000, will be completed in the Autumn of 1970.

The sewage works are under the control of the Council's Engineer and Surveyor.

Closet Accommodation.

Total number of houses in district
on 31st December, 1968. 2807

No. of houses with:-

(a)	Privies	Nil
(b)	Pail Closets	7
(c)	Water Closets	2800

Three pail closets were abolished during the year.

Public Cleansing.

A weekly refuse collection service was maintained throughout the district except during the Statutory Holidays - a total of six days per year when about 600 houses do not have the domestic refuse collected for 14 days. The refuse collection service has not closed down for annual holidays since 1966.

The number of dustbins collected per week has increased from 3283 on 1st January, to 3489 on the 31st December.

It is interesting to note that although the number of dustbins collected per week has increased by over 40% in the last decade, it has been possible to achieve and maintain a weekly refuse collection service without any increase in staff by:-

- i. Substituting a 25 cubic yards Fore and Aft Freighter for the 10 cubic yards side loader in 1961.
- ii. The introduction of a bonus incentive scheme in 1962 based on the number of dustbins collected.
- iii. The purchase of a 40 yard continuous loading refuse collection vehicle in 1967.

The cost of the collection and disposal of refuse during the year was 19/1d. per head of the population, which compares very favourably with the average for Urban Districts in Leicestershire - £1. 4. 3. per head of the population.

The bulk of the refuse is collected by a Dennis Paxit III continuous loading vehicle with a crew of five loaders and driver. The Shelvoke and Drury Lorry is now seven years old and is kept on standby duty and for the collection of refuse and pails in the outlying areas of the Urban District on one day per week.

Trade refuse is collected by arrangement from shops and offices and a charge of £1. 0. 0. per year is made for the weekly collection of each bin.

The present Tip adjoining the Ticknall Tunnel is estimated to have a life of 30 months but a new Tip has been acquired at Lount in conjunction with the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Rural District Council which will be brought into use when required.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

Total number of complaints received.	..	..	..	24
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with.	..	..	..	21
No. of visits and re-visits made re complaints.	..	..	..	72

Six informal notices were served under the Public Health Act, 1963. Five notices were complied with.

Particulars of Inspections made.

	<u>Number of Inspections</u>
Animal Keeping	3
Bakehouses	17
Dairies	5
Drainage Works	16
Dwelling-houses	1483
Infectious Diseases Inquiries	20
Food Poisoning Inquiries	-
Food Premises	76
Offensive Trades	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	222
Rodent Control	30
Schools	2
Shops and Offices	48
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection	273
Smoke Control	4
Verminous and Dirty Premises	9
Caravans, etc.,	3
Water Supplies	45
Factories and Workshops	10
Other Inspections	147
Total number of inspections -	<u>2413</u>

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Class of premises	Number registered	Number of inspections	Accidents reported	Contraventions		
				Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31.12.68.
Offices	22	5	-	6	6	-
Retail Shops	43	42	-	61	36	25
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	2	4	-	7	7	-
Catering estabs. open to the public, canteens	5	2	-	31	20	11
Fuel Storage Depots	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	72	50	-	105	69	36

Due to pressure of other works, progress in the administration of the Offices, Shops and Railways Premises Act, continues to be very slow.

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

Number of site licences issued during the year.

(a) Individual vans Nil

(b) More than 2 vans Nil

Total number of licences issued 5

Verminous Premises.

Particulars of action taken:-

No. of Council Houses infested	..	..	..	Nil
No. of dwelling houses found infested	..	..	..	2
No. of houses dis-infested	..	..	..	2

Pet Animals Act, 1951.

There are two licensed pet shops. Seven inspections were made during the year.

Rag Flock and other Filling Materials Act, 1951.

There are no premises within the area.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

A rodent operator is hired from the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Rural District Council for 8 hours per week.

No major infestations of rats have been found in the area for several years.

24% of the sewer manholes in the district were baited and two manholes were found to be infested with rats. These manholes were subsequently treated with poison.

A survey of farms was continued during the year.

No charges are made for treating dwelling houses, but a charge on an hourly basis is made for treating business properties.

The following table gives details of work carried out and visits made.

Properties not including sewers.

1. (a) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.
- (b) Number infested by:
 - Rats
 - Mice
2. (a) Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification.
- (b) Number infested by:-
 - Rats
 - Mice

TYPE OF PROPERTY	
Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
68	2
56	2
12	-
8	-
8	-
-	-

No. of inspections by Public Health Inspector - 30
 " " " " Rodent Operator - 253

Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public.

Number in area:-

(a)	Publicly owned	..	..	..	..	1
(b)	Privately owned	..	..	..	..	1
	No. of inspections	..	..	..	..	9

Four samples of swimming pool water were taken for bacteriological examination. All were satisfactory.

Samples of water have been taken from the Hood Park Pool regularly for bacteriological examination since it was re-opened in 1964. Not one un-satisfactory result has been received in the five seasons during which the pool has been open. Credit must be paid to the Baths Manager and his staff for maintaining this very high standard at the Hood Park Pool.

During the season the following persons attended the Hood Park Swimming Pool:-

No. of Child Bathers	..	..	..	..	20,317
No. of Adult Bathers	..	..	..	..	8,983
No. of Child Spectators	..	..	..	..	1,243
No. of Adult Spectators	..	..	..	..	5,027
School Children attending in organised classes	..	..	..	..	7,561
Total					<u>43,131</u>

Civic Amenities Act, 1967.

One car was abandoned in a car park in the town. This car was towed to the Council Depot and eventually sold.

HOUSING

Houses completed during the year.

Local Authority	..	..	..	..	11
Private Enterprise	..	..	..	..	88

Houses in course of erection at end of year.

Local Authority	..	..	..	..	Nil
Private Enterprise	..	..	..	..	129

Total number of post-war houses completed by Local Authority	..	..	..	..	542
Total number of post-war houses completed by private enterprise	..	..	..	..	746
Total number of post-war houses completed	..	..	..	..	1288

The table below shows the progress made in the erection of Council Houses since 1921 when the first Council Houses were completed in the Urban District.

PRE-WAR

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of houses erected</u>	<u>Location</u>
1921	46 *	Northtown
1922	12	"
1927	12	Northfields Avenue
1931	16	" "
1935	18	Westfields
1936	10	"
1937	4	"
1938	25	"
	4	Heath Lane, Blackfordby.
1939	4	Westfields
	2	Heath Lane, Blackfordby.
Total number of Pre-War houses	<u>160</u>	

* This figure does not include two houses which were sold in 1960 and 1961.

POST-WAR

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of houses erected</u>	<u>Location</u>
1947	8	Westfields
1948	58 *	"
	4 +	The Close, Blackfordby.
1949	12	Westfields
	10	The Close, Blackfordby.
1950	32	Westfields
	10	The Close, Blackfordby.
1951	14	Westfields
	12	Butt Lane, Blackfordby.
	4	Heath Lane, Blackfordby.
	4	Elstead Lane, Blackfordby.
1952	30	Westfields (Airey Houses)
1953	10	"
	2	Derby Road
1954	32	Westfields
1955	2	"
1956	35	Willesley
1957	85	"
1960	56	"
1962	22	"
1964	25	Mill Bank
1965	8	Griffith Gardens, Willesley.
	14	Abbey Drive, Westfields.
1967	26	Hood Court, North Street.
1968	11	Strawberry Lane, Blackfordby.
Total number of Post-War houses	<u>526</u>	

* Including 20 aluminium prefabricated bungalows.

+ This figure does not include 16 prefabricated bungalows which have since been demolished.

In addition to these properties, the Council own:-

Two modern houses which were erected in 1965 for the Park Superintendent and Bath Manager.

Two sub-standard cottages in the old Council Yard in North Street.

Three sub-standard cottages in Brookside, one of which is vacant.

At the end of the year negotiations which were commenced in 1964 were still in progress for the purchase of the dis-used Ashby Railway Station for housing purposes. This land should accommodate approximately 60 one and two bedroom dwellings.

The maintenance of Council property continued to be carried out mainly by direct labour.

Applicants for Council Houses.

Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year	..	..	..	..	99
Number of applications received for Council houses during the year	..	..	..	..	59

The table below gives the number of persons on the housing list since the list was first prepared in 1960. The list does not include the applicants living outside the district.

	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Applications for Pensioners' Bungalows (Blackfordby Village)	-	-	2	3	3	4	4	3	2
Applications for Pensioners' Bungalows (Castle, Holywell & Ivanhoe Wards).	8	14	22	46	40	34	41	26	30
Applications for Council Houses (Blackfordby Village).	6	6	5	7	4	1	-	-	1
Applications for Council Houses (Castle, Holywell & Ivanhoe Wards).	48	59	58	64	59	58	63	57	38
	62	79	87	120	106	97	108	86	71
Applications from Council House Tenants for an exchange of accommodation.	-	-	-	-	31	29	36	27	24
Applications for Bungalows from Pensioners who are living in Council Houses which are too large for their needs.	-	-	-	-	23	22	21	21	20

It will be noted that although the Council have not built any family houses since 1962, but have concentrated on the erection of Old People's bungalows and flatlets, the demand for houses is slowly falling, but the demand for old persons accommodation remains fairly constant.

Housing Summary.

Total number of houses occupied in district (estimated).	..	..	..	..	2757
Total number of Council houses occupied in district	..	..	..	..	692

Slum Clearance.

During the year 11 families were re-housed from The Callis Nos. 1 and 2 Clearance Areas.

Three houses, not in clearance areas, were demolished and four houses were closed.

The table below gives the progress made in the clearance of unfit properties in the district during the last ten years.

	<u>Houses Demolished in Clearance Areas</u>	<u>Individual Unfit Houses Demolished</u>	<u>Houses Closed</u>	<u>Families Re-housed</u>
1959	-	-	-	-
1960	-	24	4	47
1961	24	8	2	22
1962	20	8	2	19
1963	-	9	1	6
1964	-	4	4	9
1965	-	-	7	9
1966	-	1	11	5
1967	-	11	3	7
1968	14	3	4	12
<u>TOTALS</u>	<u>58</u>	<u>68</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>136</u>

The Slum Clearance Programme approved by the Council on the 13th January, 1964, in which it was intended to close 105 unfit houses by 1972, is now well behind schedule.

The erection of dwellings to re-house the occupiers of these unfit houses must exercise the attention of the Council during the next few years.

Houses let in Lodgings.

Action was taken against the owner of a three storey house, which was occupied by six separate families, under Part II of the Housing Act, 1961.

On receipt of formal notices, the owner served notices to quit on the sub-tenants, two of whom found alternative accommodation and the remainder were re-housed by the Council.

House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

as amended by

Housing Act, 1961.

and

Housing Act, 1964.

Standard Grants

Number of applications received for standard grants from:-

(1) Owner-occupiers	..	..	..	..	12
(2) Owners of rented property	..	..	..	..	3
Number of applications approved	..	..	..	..	15
Number of applications refused	..	..	..	..	-
Number of properties improved during the year	..	..	..	..	15

Number of amenities provided:-

Baths	..	..	..	..	15
Wash-hand Basins	..	..	..	..	14
Hot water supplies	..	..	..	..	13
W.Cs.	..	..	..	..	14
Food Stores	..	..	..	..	8

Discretionary Grants.

One application for a discretionary grant was received and approved during the year.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered:-

(a) Manufacture and retail	..	..	..	-
(b) Manufacture only	..	..	..	-
(c) Retail only	..	..	..	32

All premises retail pre-packed ice cream only.

Biological Milk Samples.

Number of routine samples taken from Producer/Retailers	-	5
Number of satisfactory samples	-	5
Number of samples having evidence of living Tubercule Bacilli.	-	0
Number of samples having evidence of Brucella Abortus.	-	0

All samples were taken by the Leicestershire County Council.

Meat and other Foods.

No. of licensed slaughterhouses in area.	..	..	..	1
No. of animals slaughtered therein.	..	..	..	4085
No. of animals examined therein.	..	..	..	4085
No. of inspections of meat at time of slaughter.	..	..	..	10% approx.
No. of knacker yards in area.	Nil
No. of visits to knacker yards.	Nil

Meat Stalls.

Number of inspections	10
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Meat Shops, Meat Stores, etc.,

Number of inspections	4
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MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Carcasses Inspected and Condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	958	22	5	1281	1819
Number inspected	958	22	5	1281	1824
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	230	11	-	49	190
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis	24.01	50	-	3.83	10.42
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	0.22
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	1	-	-	-	-
Generalised & totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Total weight of carcasses and organs condemned - 4,963 lbs.					

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960.

		Premises which comply with Regulation 16.	Premises to which Regulation 19 apply.	Premises which comply with Regulation 19.
No. of Grocers & General Food Shops	29	29	29	29
No. of Butchers' Shops ..	6	6	6	6
No. of Greengrocers' Shops	3	3	3	3
No. of Fried Fish Shops	3	3	3	3
No. of Wet Fish Shops ..	1	1	1	1
No. of Licensed premises including Off-Licences ..	22	22	22	22
No. of Bakeries	3	3	3	3
No. of Cafes and Restaurants	9	9	9	9
No. of School Canteens	6	6	6	6
Miscellaneous Premises	4	4	4	4

Number of premises inspected	25
Number of inspections made for the purpose	76
Number of informal notices served	8
Number of informal notices complied with	5
Number of informal notices outstanding at 31st December, 1968	3
Number of formal notices served	0

Poultry Inspection.

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspec- tions</u>	<u>Written Notices</u>
Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	1	-
Factories not included in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	48	29	5
Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises).	6	9	-
Total	58	39	5

Cases in which defects were found

	<u>Number of Cases</u>		
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred to H.M. Inspector</u>
Want of cleanliness	3	3	-
Sanitary conveniences (unsuitable or defective)	-	-	-
Total	3	3	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

There are no outworkers in the district.

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